

# Ventura County CELEBRATION OF BOOKS



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**SUBJECT: Ventura County Celebration of Books – at CSU Channel Islands**

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**DATE: Saturday, October 12, 2024; 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

**The 2024 Ventura County Celebration of Books** will be held on the campus of CSU Channel Islands from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 12**. The event is co-presented by the Ventura County Library, CSU Channel Islands, and the Ventura County Library Foundation. Both the event and parking are free and open to the public. All ages are welcome with activities for the whole family.

Activities include Story Times for kids presented by CSUCI Early Childhood Studies department, and stories will be read in English and Spanish.

Attendees are invited to bring a blanket and share a picnic on the lawn. Bring your own lunch or enjoy food from three local food trucks (the first 150 guests at each food truck eat free!).

Exhibitors will be on hand to chat with attendees and share information, including local authors, government and nonprofit agencies, and local businesses. Local authors and others who would like to host an exhibitor table can visit [www.vclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org) for more information and an application. Applications are due by September 30.

The Ventura County Library's 2024 [One County, One Book](#) main presentation features a conversation with Dr. Jim O'Connell, inspiring advocate of the unhoused and subject of *Rough Sleepers*, NPR's "A Best Book of the Year" and New York Times Bestseller by Tracy Kidder. This event will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Grand Salon and be followed by a book signing from 3 to 4 p.m. The main presentation is free and open to the public and will be moderated by the *VC Star*.

At 11 a.m., a panel of local professionals will discuss issues relating to homelessness in Ventura County today. The *State of Homelessness in Ventura County: A Conversation with the Professionals* will be moderated by KCAL News Anchor Amy Johnson and include panelists Doug Menges, Executive Director at Many Mansions, Jeffrey Lambert, Chief Executive Officer at the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura, Kay Wilson-Bolton, Executive Director at SPIRIT of Santa Paula, Jazmin Clark, Foster Youth Initiatives Coordinator at CSUCI, Bryan Tomlin, Associate Professor of Economics at CSUCI; and, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Program Director at the Ventura County Continuum of Care.

A special reception for CSU Channel Islands students featuring Dr. O'Connell will be held prior to the author event, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Petit Salon.

The 2024 Ventura County Celebration of Books is generously sponsored for the community by the VC Star, Sage, Moorpark College, Mustang Marketing, Creativity Through Music, County Schools Federal Credit Union, Ventura Friends of the Library, Premier America Credit Union, and Montecito Bank & Trust.

To find out about exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities or for more information contact Nancy Schram, Library Director, at (805) 677-7158.

CSU Channel Islands is located at One University Drive in Camarillo, CA.

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